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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/748,038

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: METHOD OF PROMOTING NATURAL  
BYPASS

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2103.013900  
(formerly SBI-042-CIP)

Customer No.: 23720

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including August 28, 2003, in which to respond to the Notice to Comply dated April 28, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$410.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a two month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

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overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.013900.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAMS, MORGAN & AMERSON  
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Date: August 28, 2003



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